

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2017-310-E - ORDER NO. 2018-52
JANUARY 23, 2018

IN RE: Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Incorporated)	ORDER GRANTING
and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company)	JOINT PETITION FOR
for the Reassignment of Territory in)	REASSIGNMENT OF
Dorchester County and Approval of an)	TERRITORY AND
Agreement to Limit Corridor Rights)	LIMITATION OF
)	CORRIDOR RIGHTS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Joint Petition of Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (“Berkeley”) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) (jointly, “Petitioners”) for the reassignment of certain territory in Dorchester County, and for approval of an agreement to eliminate the corridor rights of both Berkeley and SCE&G in specified areas of Dorchester County, pursuant to the Territorial Assignment Act found at S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-610 *et seq.* (1976)(2015). Specifically, this proceeding arises in part under the Commission’s authority in S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-640 (1976) to assign territory, and 58-27-650 (2015) to reassign the service area of one electric supplier to another. Further, under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-620(8) (2015), the Commission may approve agreements between electric suppliers concerning corridor rights. Section 58-27-640, *inter alia*, directs the Commission to assign electric territories by adequately defined boundaries, in accordance with the public convenience and necessity. Section 58-27-650 states “[the] Public Service Commission, upon agreement of the affected electric

suppliers, is authorized to reassign to one electric supplier any area or portion thereof theretofore assigned to another...” S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-620(8) (2015) notes that “...the commission shall have the authority to approve agreements between electric suppliers concerning corridor rights.”


In conformity with this authority, Petitioners request the Commission to (A) reassign certain territory in Dorchester County between SCE&G and Berkeley, and (B) eliminate the corridor rights of Berkeley in specified areas of Dorchester County. The Joint Petition asserts that no facilities or territories of any other electric suppliers would be affected by the proposed changes. The Joint Petitioners state that the reassignment and the abandonment of corridor rights in these territories will avoid the duplication of utility facilities in these areas.

On December 18, 2017, the Office of Regulatory Staff filed a letter with the Commission stating that it has no objection to Petitioners’ request for the reassignment of territory in Dorchester County, nor any objection to the agreement to abandon the delineated corridor rights in specific areas of Dorchester County. No protests or petitions to intervene were received in this matter, after the publishing of a Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation. Consequently, the Commission approves the proposed reassignment and the limitation on corridor rights as proposed in the filing in this case.

For the foregoing reasons, the reassignment of territory in Dorchester County is granted as filed, as is the agreed upon limitation of corridor rights in Dorchester County. The parties shall file amended territorial assignment maps for Dorchester County reflecting the modifications requested in the Joint Petition and now approved by this Commission.

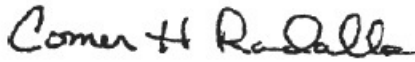
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Swain E. Whitfield, Chairman

ATTEST:



Comer H. Randall, Vice Chairman